

OWBOW ECO-CENTER

CALENDAR March 2014 THROUGH August 2014

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Center hours are Tuesday through Friday from 12-5pm, Saturday from 10am-5pm.
Trails are open daily from dawn until dusk.

Visit the center for some free fun activities and check out our cool exhibits.

March 2014 – Swinging 1940s Fort Pierce

Tai Chi Classes -- *Tai Chi for Health*: Beginner & Intermediate classes: Tuesdays at 10:30am, Fridays at 9:15am; ***Tai Chi Yang Form*:** Fridays at 10:30am at the Oxbow Eco-Center. RSVP- \$10 per class or \$32 for 4 classes, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Tai Chi instructors Hilde and Hector Ruiz-Puyana will lead classes in Tai Chi for Health and Tai Chi Yang Form, designed for everyone, including those who suffer from arthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis, and balance issues. Appropriate for ages 16 and up. RSVP a must

Guided Hikes – Every Saturday at 9am at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Enjoy a guided hike through the wilds of the Oxbow and be enriched with the biodiversity this preserve has to offer. No RSVP required just show up at 9am ready to hike!

Brown Bag Lecture “The Invasion of the German U-Boats” — March 1st at 12pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Just off the shores of the Treasure Coast in the warm evening ocean waters during the 1940’s lurked a dangerous and elusive enemy. Causing destruction and mayhem, the German U-boats stalked along our coast but in their wake they also created a unified front of American patriots. Local shipwreck historian Ronald Greenville Frazer will be enlightening us on how close these submarines actually got to our shore and the history behind them at this FREE lunchtime lecture. No RSVP.

Home School Day at the Oxbow “Sea Turtles” — March 6th; Grades K-4th 10am-12pm; Grades 5th-12th 1:30-3:30pm; at the Oxbow Eco-Center; **RSVP-\$3/participant**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. St. Lucie County beaches are a nesting spot for five species of sea turtle. At this presentation students will experience some of the struggles of these marine reptiles as we play a riveting round of “Turtle Hurdles”. While learning about their amazing adaptations, students will compare hatchlings to adults, discuss the lost years, and the unique features of each sea turtle species. RSVP a must!

St. Lucie Audubon Society Lecture— March 6th at 7:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Join the local Audubon society to enjoy a fantastic bird related presentation and network with some of St. Lucie County’s most experienced birders. The lecture is FREE and open to the general public.

Jr. Oxbow Explorers “Froggy Frenzy” — March 8th at 10:30am at the Oxbow Eco-Center, \$3 per participant, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. What has a long tongue, can breathe through its skin and is covered in mucous? That’s right an amphibian. Participants will hop into the world of frogs and toads as they play various games like “frog chorus”, “guess that frog part” and “frog and toad

ances". This program is appropriate for children ages 5 and up; \$3 per participant. **RSVP a must.**

Junior Butterfly Club – March 13th at 1:30pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Join the Club! Children ages 5 through 15 are invited to join the Oxbow Junior Butterfly Garden Club, which meets monthly to learn the skills of leadership and gardening, gaining knowledge about butterflies and other wildlife, and to tend the beautiful garden that was started two years ago. Annual fee for the club is \$15.

Swamp Tales— March 13th at 3:45pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Let your imagination run "wild" and have "novel" adventure at Miss Kitty's story time. Each month the story changes but the fun never stops! This free story and activity program is appropriate for ages 2 to 6.

Art Class "Colored Mod Art" –March 15th at 10am at the Oxbow Eco-Center, **RSVP-\$20/participant** (includes all supplies), 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Treasure Coast Art Association teams up with Oxbow to present this fun art class. Using simple shapes like triangles, squares and circles and a few colored pencils you can make your dreamy artwork come to life. Learn some artistic techniques that will make you a modern art guru. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. RSVP is a must.

Full Moon Night Hike—March 15th at 6:30pm to 8:30pm, RSVP-\$5 per participant. Hike along our wild trails and have the chance to see how the nocturnal world comes to life as the full moon rises. Owls, frogs and mammals may be encountered on this hike. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Space is VERY limited and RSVP is a must.

Bee Keepers Association Lecture – March 19th at 7:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. The Treasure Coast Beekeeper Association (TCBA) is a nonprofit organization that provides education about bees and beekeeping for people of the Treasure Coast. Every month there is a new bee related learning opportunity. This Lecture is FREE and open to the general public.

Butterfly Garden Committee – March 20th at 2:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Join like-minded garden enthusiasts as they plan and design the Oxbow's butterfly gardens. Can't make it this day? You can still be part of this fun group by helping to plant and tend the garden every Thursday morning at 8:30am. Please RSVP.

Oxbow and the Natives "Salt Marsh Mosquitoes"— March 20th at 3:45pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. At one time we were called the Mosquito Coast and the salt marsh mosquitos used to darken the evening skies. Learn about the natural history of this flying "menace", how important they are to the survival of many of our native species and what people have done to keep their populations down at this free program appropriate for children ages 5 and up.

Treehouse Time "Big Bands Sing-along"— March 21st at 4:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Join Miss Kathy for a swinging, rocking, and dancing good time as youngsters and their parents sing some the most memorable songs from the 1940s. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

April 2014- Shaped by Fire

Guided Hikes – Join us Saturday April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at 9am. FREE, no RSVP required just show up at 9 am ready to enjoy a guided hike through the Oxbow forest!

Tai Chi Classes -- *Tai Chi for Health*: Beginner & Intermediate classes: Tuesdays at 10:30am, Fridays at 9:15am; ***Tai Chi Yang Form*:** Fridays at 10:30am at the Oxbow Eco-Center. RSVP- \$10 per class or \$32 for 4 classes, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Tai Chi instructors Hilde and Hector Ruiz-Puyana will lead classes in Tai Chi for Health and Tai Chi Yang Form, designed for everyone, including those who suffer from arthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis, and balance issues. Appropriate for ages 16 and up. RSVP a must.

Home School Day at the Oxbow “The Bountiful World of Bacteria” – April 3rd: Grades K-4th 10am-12pm; Grades 5th-12th 1:30-3:30pm; at the Oxbow Eco-Center; **RSVP-\$3/participant**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Bacteria both good and bad make the world go ‘round. Students will get to look into the fascinating and ever changing world of bacteria. Found on every surface and even found on and in your body, we should have no problem finding a lot of fun information and activities to study these oh so important tiny friends and pests. RSVP a must!

St. Lucie Audubon Society Lecture “The FWC”– April 3rd at 7:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Join the local Audubon society to enjoy a fantastic bird related presentation and network with some of St. Lucie County’s most experienced birders. This month get the chance to meet Amanda Phillips a FWC Public Information Officer and see how the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission is helping imperiled birds. The lecture is FREE and open to the general public.

Brown Bag Lecture “Managing the Land with Fire” — April 5th at 12pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. When fires aren’t allowed to run their natural course, the fuel build-up that results from dead leaves, branches and trees, pose an even greater threat to the human and wildlife communities around them. During this FREE lunchtime lecture you can learn how land managers attempt to mimic the natural cycles of nature by using controlled burns which is their most significant and effective tool for helping to create a healthy environment. No RSVP.

Junior Butterfly Club – April 10th at 1:30pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Join the Club! Children ages 5 through 15 are invited to join the Oxbow Junior Butterfly Garden Club, which meets monthly to learn the skills of leadership and gardening, gaining knowledge about butterflies and other wildlife, and to tend the beautiful garden that was started two years ago. Annual fee for the club is \$15.

Swamp Tales— April 10th at 3:45pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Let your imagination run “wild” and have “novel” adventure at Miss Kitty’s story time. Each month the story changes but the fun never stops! This free story and activity program is appropriate for ages 2 to 6.

Bee Keepers Association Lecture “Palm Trees for Bees” – April 16th at 7:30pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. The Treasure Coast Beekeeper Association (TCBA) is a nonprofit organization that provides education about bees and beekeeping for people of the Treasure Coast. Guest speaker Dr. John D. Kennedy, of Vero Beach, renowned expert on palm trees will be presenting this learning opportunity. This lecture is FREE and open to the general public.

Butterfly Garden Committee – April 17th at 2:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Join like-minded garden enthusiasts as they plan and design the Oxbow’s butterfly gardens. Can’t make it this day? You can still be part of this fun group by helping to plant and tend the garden every Thursday morning at 8:30am. Please RSVP.

Oxbow and the Natives “Florida Scrub Jay” — April 17th at 3:45pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Forever the “family” bird, Florida Scrub Jay juveniles stay and help

their parents raise the next set of offspring. Join the Oxbow staff to learn about what makes this species so unique and such great family providers at this free program appropriate for children ages 5 and up.

Treehouse Time “Fun in the Sun Songs” – April 18th at 4:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Young “bathing beauties” and their caregivers will enjoy some fun outdoor songs as we soak up nature’s sunny rays and take an adventure outside. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

Art Class “Patterned Easter Eggs” – April 19th at 10am at the Oxbow Eco-Center, **RSVP-\$20/participant** (includes all supplies and hardboiled eggs), 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Treasure Coast Art Association teams up with Oxbow to present this fun holiday art class. Prepare to make some “egg-cellent” patterned and colorful Easter eggs. You may not want to hide these beauties once you’re done. Participants will also be creating a unique basket made of paper. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. RSVP is a must.

May 2014 –Beautiful Butterflies

Guided Hikes – Join for the last two hikes of the season Saturday May 3th and May 10th at 9am at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Enjoy a guided hike through the wilds of the Oxbow and be enriched with the biodiversity this preserve has to offer. No RSVP required just show up at 9am ready to hike!

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Home School Day at the Oxbow “The Art and Science of Making a Kite” – May 1st; Grades K-4th 10am-12pm; Grades 5th-12th 1:30-3:30pm; at the Oxbow Eco-Center; **RSVP-\$10/participant**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Enjoy the sweet smells and warm breeze on your face as you look to the sky to watch in wonder as your beautiful kite flits through the clouds. Treasure Coast Art Association instructors Debbie and Barbara once again will be joining us to demonstrate some unique methods to make a kite masterpiece. You will be blown away by this art project. The cost is \$10 per student which includes all supplies. **RSVP a must!**

St. Lucie Audubon Society Lecture “Creating Habitats for Fish & Birds”– May 1st at 7:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Jim Oppenborn, St. Lucie County Coastal Resources Supervisor of Mosquito Control and Coastal Management Services, will be presenting how the construction of fish habitats can in turn create wonderful areas for our avian friends. He will be discussing the building of oyster reefs, restoration of Wesley's Island (designated as bird conservation) and re-vegetation of the Sandalwood Estates pond in his neighborhood. The lecture is FREE and open to the general public.

Butterfly Garden Ribbon Cutting Event – May 3rd, 9am to 2pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Incite your senses as you wonder around Oxbow’s very own Butterfly Garden taking in the beautiful sights, smells and colors of the butterflies as they flit past you. Join us as we celebrate and officially open the garden to the general public. The Butterfly Committee and Jr. Butterfly Club have worked very hard over the last year creating this lepidopteron wonderland. This fun

family event will have guided walks, butterfly games and activities, information lectures and a used book sale. Appropriate for all ages. No RSVP.

Brown Bag Lecture “Florida Butterflies” Lecture— May 3rd at 12 pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Florida is home to over 100 species of butterfly and well over 200 moth species. During this lecture participants will learn how to ID some of these beautiful varieties of this insect and what you can plant to attract these fantastic pollinating Lepidopteron (“scale-wings”) to your garden. No RSVP required for this FREE lunchtime lecture.

Junior Butterfly Club – May 8th at 1:30pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Join the Club! Children ages 5 through 15 are invited to join the Oxbow Junior Butterfly Garden Club, which meets monthly to learn the skills of leadership and gardening, gaining knowledge about butterflies and other wildlife, and to tend the beautiful garden that was started two years ago. Annual fee for the club is \$15.

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****NEW**Critter Encounter “Meet Godzilla”—** May 15th at 4 pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. From his large head to his “parachute pants”, this charming reptile enjoys the simple things in life such as swimming, eating and being viewed by adoring fans. Here is your chance to get up close and personal with Oxbow’s very own “Rockstar” Godzilla the loggerhead musk turtle. This is a free program ages 5 and up.

Treehouse Time “Colors of the Rainbow”– May 16th at 4pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Miss Kathy will lead youngsters and their parents on a color “hunting” expedition through imagination song and dance. Participants will wonder at colorful plants and animals that live in our woods. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

Art Class “Luma-art” –May 17th 10am at the Oxbow Eco-Center, **RSVP-\$20/participant** (includes all supplies), 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Watch as the light flickers and dances through your one of a kind luminary creation. The Treasure Coast Artist Association is teaming up with the Oxbow to present an illuminating art form that will help add delightful light to your house, patio or garden. Appropriate for ages 12 & up. **RSVP a must!**

Bee Keepers Association Lecture “Bee Removal & the Rules & Regulations about Bee Removal” – May 21st at 7:30pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. The Treasure Coast Beekeeper Association (TCBA) is a nonprofit organization that provides education about bees and beekeeping for people of the Treasure Coast. Jason Deeringer from ALL Florida Bee Removal will be presenting this great learning opportunity and answering questions. This lecture is FREE and open to the general public.

June 2014 –Healthy Watersheds

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Brown Bag Lecture “Tai Chi & The Healing Arts Series”- June 7th at 12 noon- More information to come.

Surviving the Wild Camp & Campfire—June 11th -13th; 9:00am – 3:00pm & Campfire- June 13 at 6:30pm, \$100, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. The Oxbow Eco-Center and Savannas State Park team up for this really fun and challenging camp, where participants learn to survive in the wild. Participants will learn life-long skills, and build their own survival kit. Campers will learn to make cordage and rope from roots, construct a shelter with nothing but natural materials, build a fire using primitive tools, make a compass to find the way home, learn the plants indigenous people used to survive, and much more! Camp starts at the Oxbow on Wednesday and Thursday, and ends with a full day and evening at the Savannas State Park on Friday. Parents are invited to the campfire skills graduation ceremony where they can see our young survivalists demonstrate their new found skills. Each camper will need to bring their own snacks and lunch. Appropriate for ages 10-14 and the cost is **\$100 per camper. Pre-registration required.**

Swamp Tales— June 12th at 3:45pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Let your imagination run “wild” and have “novel” adventure at Miss Kitty’s story time. Each month the story changes but the fun never stops! This free story and activity program is appropriate for ages 2 to 6.

Performing Arts Camp—June 16th - June 20th; 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center; Ages 5 to 9 years old; **\$95**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. This theatre class uses a holistic and kinesthetic way of teaching the stage arts. Students will create skits, scenes, and shows by incorporating native animals, plants and diverse cultures of the world. The final performance will consist of acting as well as music, movement, storytelling and visual arts. Bring your own snacks and a lunch for the extended camp. Appropriate for ages 5 to 9 and the cost is **\$95. Pre-registration required.**

Critter Encounters “Meet Little Joe” — June 19th at 4 pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. I was saved by an Oxbow volunteer and now I am lucky enough to call Oxbow home. Watch as I speed around my tank, “act” like superman while I’m perched on my favorite rock and how peninsula cooters like me crunch and munch. This is a free program ages 5 and up.

Treehouse Time “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”— June 20th at 4 pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Our young visitors and their parents will travel the waters of the world through delightful songs and activities with Miss Kathy. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

Art Class “Flowers in Watercolor” —June 21st at 10am at the Oxbow Eco-Center, **RSVP-\$20/participant** 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Treasure Coast Art Association teams up with Oxbow to present this nature-inspired class that brings to life delicate flowers through watercolor painting techniques. Learn the different effects needed to create these lovely botanical themed pieces which have popular since the 1400’s. The cost is \$20 per participant (which includes ALL supplies). RSVP.

Going Wild Summer Camp—June 23th -27th; 9:00am – 1:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center; **\$90**, 772-785-

5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Go on an exciting wild adventure at the Oxbow, and learn all about Florida's native animals, wonderful trees, flowering plants, bizarre but cool bugs and just what it is that makes this state so special. Camper's knowledge will take flight as they learn the secret art of tracking animals, observing wet and dry ecosystems, playing some water games, and just being immersed in the natural world. Every day your problem solving skills will be used to help us solve Oxbow's ultimate species mystery. Bring your own snacks and lunch. Bring your own snacks and a lunch. Appropriate for ages 8-12 and the cost is **\$90 per camper. Pre-registration required.**

July 2014- Life in a Swamp

Tai Chi for Health Classes – Tuesdays at 10:30am, Fridays at 9:15am & 10:30am, Saturdays at 3pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, **RSVP- \$10 per class or \$32 for 4 classes**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Tai Chi instructors Hilde and Hector Ruiz-Puyana will lead classes in Tai Chi for Health, designed for everyone, including those who suffer from arthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis, and balance issues. Appropriate for ages 16 and up. RSVP a must.

Brown Bag Lecture "Tai Chi & The Healing Arts Series"- July 5th at 12 noon- More information to come.

Spirit of Nature Art Camp—July 7-11; 8:30am – 12:30pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center; Campers ages 7 to 10 years old; **\$95**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. What's that up in the sky? It's a bird, it's a cloud, it's a beautiful sunset. Let your imagination take over to enjoy a week filled with creativity and fun. We will be exploring many different art and craft mediums in an effort to allow your child to improve their self-expression and gain confidence. Let your child grow some wings and fly with this year's theme "Up in the Air." Bring your own snacks and a lunch for the extended camp. Pre-registration required. **\$95 per camper (includes all art supplies). Pre-registration required.**

Swamp Tales— July 10th at 3:45pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Let your imagination run "wild" and have "novel" adventure at Miss Kitty's story time. Each month the story changes but the fun never stops! This free story and activity program is appropriate for ages 2 to 6.

Spirit of Nature Art Camp—July 14-18; 8:30am – 2:30pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center; Campers ages 10 to 16 years old; **\$125**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. What's that up in the sky? It's a bird, it's a cloud, it's a beautiful sunset. Let your imagination take over to enjoy a week filled with creativity and fun. We will be exploring many different art and craft mediums in an effort to allow your child to improve their self-expression and gain confidence. Let your child grow some wings and fly with this year's theme "Up in the Air." Bring your own snacks and a lunch for the extended camp. Pre-registration required. **\$125 per camper (includes all art supplies). Pre-registration required.**

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Treehouse Time "Life under a Log"— July 18th at 4pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Have you ever wondered what lives under the log in your backyard. Explore with Miss Kathy as she leads a "log turning" expedition. Enjoy some silly fun songs about you may discover. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

Art Class –there will be no art class this month

Junior Naturalist Day Camp—July 28- August 1; 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center; Ages 4 to 6 years old; **\$15 per day**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org Bring your youngsters to Oxbow's day camp and let them get a little wild. Each day will focus on different families of animals ... where they live, what they need to survive, and some of the strategies they use to outsmart their predators. Each day will be filled with fun learning and creative crafts that participants will take home. Choose one day or all five! Bring your own snacks. Choose one day or all five! Bring your own snacks. **\$15 per day. Pre-registration required.**

August 2014 – Amazing Amphibians

Brown Bag Lecture “Tai Chi & The Healing Arts Series”- August 2nd at 12 noon- More information to come.

Performing Arts Camp—August 4- August 8; 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center; Ages 5 to 9 years old; **\$95**, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. This theatre class uses a holistic and kinesthetic way of teaching the stage arts. Students will create skits, scenes, and shows by incorporating native animals, plants and diverse cultures of the world. The final performance will consist of acting as well as music, movement, storytelling and visual arts. Bring your own snacks and a lunch for the extended camp. Appropriate for ages 5 to 9 and the cost is **\$95. Pre-registration required.**

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Treehouse Time “It's Not Easy Being Slimy”— August 15th at 4 pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Hop to it and leap for joy as Miss Kathy sings songs about our famous froggy friends. Participants will have the opportunity to sing, run and dance like a slimy amphibian. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

Art Class “Paper Bead Jewelry” –August 16th at 10am at the Oxbow Eco-Center, **RSVP-\$20/participant** 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. Treasure Coast Art Association teams up with Oxbow to present this nature-inspired class that explores the art of making beautiful beads with paper. High-end retailers are selling these beaded creations for top dollar and now you can learn how to make this very stylish but affordable piece of jewelry. The cost is \$20 per participant (which includes ALL supplies). RSVP a must.

Critter Encounters “Meet Lily”— August 21st at 4 pm at the Oxbow Eco-Center, FREE, 772-785-5833 or oxbow@stlucieco.org. I may look like a fish but I am member of the salamander family. As I glide around my tank you can see my feathered gills, two legs and my “beauty” mark on my tail. Watch as I scarf down my favorite snack, earthworms! This is a free program ages 5 and up.